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**FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS LOUISVILLE MAN
FOR CRACK COCAINE**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Louisville returned an Indictment charging DWAYNE JENKINS, age 30, of Louisville, Kentucky with possessing with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base ("crack" cocaine).

The Indictment alleges that on or about August 16, 2004, Jenkins possessed with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing cocaine base, commonly known as "crack" cocaine.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment and an \$8,000,000.00 fine.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, in close conjunction with the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a commitment by the Jefferson County and United States Attorneys to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

Jenkins is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on March 22, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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